

THE END IS NEAR #2

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REVIEW:

- * A research teams study using scripture, history, science and astronomy.
- * Jesus said no one knows the time. **MATTHEW 24:36**
- * We should plan as if He's not coming soon, but live as though He's coming tomorrow.
- * Covid-19 is not a sign, but could be a precursor.
- * Lessons: Everyone is vulnerable, uncertainty of life, our dependence on God, salvation is what matters, and humility is required.

Signs of the End Times

- 1.) Restoration of Israel. **ACTS 1:6, 3:19-21** - 1948 became a nation; 1967 Jerusalem becomes the capital; 1989 Jews return to Israel; 1992 latter rains; 2000 desert blossoms. Temple in waiting, two red heifers.
- 2.) God's 7000 year plan for man. **ISAIAH 46:9-10**
 - A.) **2 PETER 3:8-9, PSALMS 90:4, 11-12**
 - * It's believed the universe contains seven 1000 year periods called Millennia. It's also believed Noah's 120 years in **GENESIS 6:3** means Jubilee Years or 6000 years.
 - B.) There's a parallel between natural and spiritual events in each 1000 year period.
 - * Day One: Darkness and light separate. Adam and God also.
 - * Day Two: Waters separate, above and beneath. Noah's flood.
 - * Day Three: Plants yielding seed. Abraham's seed.
 - * Day Four: Light in Heaven. Prophets and Christ are lights.
 - * Day Five: Living creatures. New creatures.
 - * Day Six: Man given dominion. Dominion restored in Christ.
 - * Day Seven: God rests. 1000 years Millennial reign.

When we consider 6 is the number for man and 7 is the number for God, then there's a strong possibility that God revealed the end from the beginning in His seven-day work week. Also, consider Israel's seven

feast days and the seven ages of the church in **REVELATION 2-3**, before Daniel's last seven years are fulfilled.

- 3.) Moral decline of mankind. **2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5**
- 4.) Increase of skepticism about our Lord's return. **2 PETER 3:1-7.**
- 5.) Increase of world-wide terrorism. **LUKE 21:25-28.**
- 6.) 200 Million-man army. **REVELATION 9:16**
- 7.) Increase of knowledge and travel. **DANIEL 12:4, REVELATION 11:3-12.** Satellite technology makes it possible to watch these prophets resurrect from the dead.

Pretrib Rapture

- 1.) God doesn't destroy the righteous with the wicked. **GENESIS 18:23**
- 2.) Christians are not appointed to wrath. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:9, ROMANS 5:8-9.**
- 3.) As it was with Noah and Lot. **LUKE 17:26-30** Both were removed pre-wrath and judgment.
- 4.) **1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18** Paul taught this long before John Darby popularized it in the 1830's.
- 5.) Come up hither. **REVELATION 4:1 Chapters 2 and 3** reveal the seven ages of the church. We are generation Z and the last age period.
- 6.) The Last Trumpet. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:52** This is not "The" Last Trumpet and "not" a Trumpet of Judgment. It signals the Rapture. The trumpets in Revelation are of God's judgment. None speak of deliverance. **ISAIAH 27:13** This Great Trumpet is the Last Trumpet that calls Israel to worship the Lord in the holy mountain. During the Feast of Trumpets the Shofar is blown 101 times. The last blast is the 101st blast.

The Tribulation - MATTHEW 24:21-22 NLT

- 1.) A period of seven years made up of three sevenfold judgments upon the world.
 - A.) Seven Seals, trumpets and bowls. It's a time of unimaginable distress. Covid-19 is child's play comparatively speaking. These are seven years of God's wrath, judgment and vengeance.

B.) ISAIAH 61:1-2 This will be the darkest time in our world's history. It's the time of Jacob's trouble, the day of the Lord, and the day of the vengeance of our God. Jesus left vengeance out in **LUKE 4:18-19**. Why? Because that's not why He came.

C.) REVELATION 6:8 1/4 of the world's population die (2 Billion); **9:18** 1/3 will die; **16:1-3** all sea life dies; **13:6-9** saints have no power over Satan; **20:4** those who refuse the mark will be martyred.

2.) The Only Escape.

A.) LUKE 21:34-36 We're not to get so caught up with this life that we lose sight of what may occur soon. The only escape is the rapture.

B.) MATTHEW 24:22 NLT It doesn't get worse than this.